



Working for Veterans

November 14, 2019

As we mark Veterans Day, the Laboratory and its operator Triad is committed to supporting programs that help and honor veterans. The Laboratory itself carries out an important mission for the country and employs many veterans, so assisting those who served is a natural fit.

This year, Laboratory employees donated supplies and volunteered to help at the 9th Annual Santa Fe “Stand Down” that took place Nov. 9.

“Stand down” is a military term. When deployed troops need an opportunity to return to a place of relative security to rest and recover, they are “stood down”. The term “Stand Down” has been adopted as an opportunity to care and advocate for homeless veterans and non-veterans alike – to give them what is needed to rest and recover.

Donations included sleeping bags, jackets, backpacks and hygiene kits, while volunteers set up, collected and distributed donations, gave rides and served food. The event offered a range of services and support for veterans and non-veterans who are facing difficulties.

Laboratory operator Triad was also happy to make a \$7500 grant to a new Taos-based veteran-run nonprofit, the North Central New Mexico Veterans Transportation Network, that gives veterans free rides to their appointments at VA hospitals and clinics.

Within the Laboratory, the volunteer-organized Veterans Employee Resource Group raises awareness of and works to address veterans' issues through meetings, events, ceremonies and education opportunities.

As a Navy veteran myself, I appreciate the importance of honoring and supporting those who served, and I'm proud of the contribution that the Laboratory and its employees make to provide assistance to the veterans across Northern New Mexico.

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